

Appl. No. 10/707,860
Amdt. dated September 26, 2006
Reply to Office action of June 29, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

Figures 1-3 have been amended to label boxes contained in the figures. In addition,
Figure 2 has been amended to show the features of the first power management end set
213A, the first monitoring end 213B, the first standard communication interface slot 215,
5 the second power management end set 223A, the second monitoring end 223B, and the
switching button 227.

Claim 12 has been canceled, and is no longer in need of consideration. Recitation of the
“power management chipset” has been amended to recite “the chipset”. This change is
10 supported by paragraphs [0027] and [0032].

All of the amendments are fully supported by paragraphs [0027] to [0034] of the
specification. No new matter is added. In light of these amendments to the drawings,
acceptance of the drawings is respectfully requested.

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph:

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Response:

Claim 12 has been canceled, and is no longer in need of consideration.

2. Rejection of claims 5, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b):

Claims 5, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the PCI Express Base Specification, Revision 1.0, hereinafter referred to as PCI Express.

Response:

Claim 5 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claim 5 now contains the limitations previously contained in claim 6, and claim 6 has been subsequently cancelled. In addition, claim 7 has been amended to depend on claim 5. As a result, claim 5 should now be in condition for allowance. Claims 7, 10, and 11 are dependant on claim 5, and should be allowed if claim 5 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 5, 7, 10, and 11 is respectfully requested.

3. Rejection of claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCI Express.

Response:

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Claim 12 has been canceled, and is no longer in need of consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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Sincerely yours,



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